

# **IRTS Radio News Bulletin Sunday 28th September 2014**

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## **Silent Key - Pete GI4VIV**

The death has occurred of Pete Mercer, GI4VIV, Kilcubban, County Down on September 21st 2014. Pete was a member of Bangor & District Amateur Radio Society. He also took part in the Afri75 IRTS expedition to Swaziland in 2007.

The funeral took place last Friday 26th September 2014.

May he rest in peace

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## **Amateur Station Licence Examination**

The next Amateur Station Licence Examination will be held on Thursday, 27th November in the ComReg Offices in Dublin. Full details, including entry procedure, examination fee and how to pay the fee on line are available at [www.irts.ie/exam](http://www.irts.ie/exam) . Please note that it is necessary to download the application form from the web page and forward the completed form and the appropriate fee so as to secure a place for the examination. If you pay the fee on line you must still complete and forward the application form. The closing date for receipt of completed applications is Tuesday 11th November. Three Exam Reports which were previously published in Echo Ireland are now available on the Downloads section of the website at [www.irts.ie/downloads](http://www.irts.ie/downloads) under Studying for the Harmonised Amateur Radio Examination Certificate. These reports contain very useful information for anyone studying for the Licence Examination

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## **MREN Annual Rally**

The Mayo Radio Rally 2014 is on Sunday 12th October. (2 weeks time) The usual traders will be in attendance and are happy to bring along any items you wish to purchase for collection at the rally, especially large and bulky items like antennas, cable etc. Please contact them with your orders and they will be happy to oblige. Doors open at 11 am and admission is €5 per person (children are free). IRTS stand for QSL Cards will be available. A Bring & Buy, carvery, disabled facilities, and much more on the day. Full details of the hotel packages and the latest information on

equipment for sale at the Radio Rally is available on the club website [www.ei7mre.org](http://www.ei7mre.org)  
Due to high demand, anyone wishing to reserve a table, or anyone interested in setting up a stall, should contact Padraig Baynes (EI9JA) on 087 6957154, or alternatively via email to [pbaynes1@eircom.net](mailto:pbaynes1@eircom.net), as soon as possible to avoid disappointment.

Venue: Welcome Inn Hotel in Castlebar, Co Mayo, For GPS info: LAT: 53.859574  
LON: -9.297781 Loc8 Code: FY4 – 44 -NS4,

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### **Lusitania Radio Club**

The L.R.C. will be running a Special Event Station EI100MFA to mark the 100th Anniversary of the sinking of the Lusitania on 7th May 1915. The station will operate from 5th to 10th May 2015 from a site near the Old Head of Kinsale Lighthouse, Co. Cork. The Club is looking for assistance with the set-up, running, and operation of this event. If you are willing to help in any way during this period we would be very grateful. Anybody who is interested should contact the Club via email to [www.LRC100@at.email.com](mailto:www.LRC100@at.email.com)

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### **IOTA Programme Review**

RSGB has announced that a review of the Islands On The Air programme is to be undertaken by a group set up by the IOTA management team. The announcement indicated that the introduction of online island credit submission akin to Logbook Of The World was one of the areas to be examined - a move that no doubt would be welcomed by island chasers. An update of the IOTA web site, to make it "friendlier and more accessible", is also on the agenda.

IOTA has now been running for 50 years, and we understand that the programme has 2,500 active island chasers and up to 15,000 more casual participants.

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### **The 5MHz Newsletter**

It's been found necessary to change the URL of the Worldwide 5 MHz Amateur Allocations chart.

The new URL is

[tinyurl.com/pjhd943](http://tinyurl.com/pjhd943)

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## **80m CW UKEICC Contest**

The first 1-hour 80m CW contest sponsored by UKEICC (that's the UK & Ireland Contest Club) took place last Wednesday evening 24th September. Logs had to be uploaded within one hour, and the results were published on the website [ukeicc.com](http://ukeicc.com) less than 10 minutes later - that's definitely a record.

Four EIs featured in the results, and let's hope others will join them for the SSB event on 22nd October.

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## **IPARC Contest 2014**

The 39th IPARC contest is coming up on the first weekend in November this year. Further information about the German section of the IPARC, contest and the award program are available on the homepage ([www.iparc.de](http://www.iparc.de))

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## **South Eastern Amateur Radio Group**

The South Eastern Amateur Radio Group will be QRV as EI2WRC/P from The Waterford & Suir Valley Railway, Kilmeaden, Co. Waterford today Sunday 28th September from 11am to 4pm approx. This is to coincide with the Railways On The Air Weekend details of which can be found at [rota.barac.org.uk/](http://rota.barac.org.uk/) Suggested frequencies for the weekend are 3.650, 7.120 & 14.120. Kilmeaden Station has been a popular site for SEARG activations over the past few years for more information and details about The Waterford & Suir Valley Railway please see [www.wsvrailway.ie](http://www.wsvrailway.ie)

The South Eastern Amateur Radio Group will be hosting the 83rd IRTS Dinner AGM & Radio Rally in Hotel Kilkenny, College Road, Kilkenny on the 25th & 26th April 2015. Tickets for the annual dinner which will be held on the Saturday evening at 7:00 pm are now available from John Ronan EI7IG. Tickets are priced at €35 each. Please note that admission to the dinner is strictly by ticket only.

Ireland's oldest city, Waterford is this year celebrating its 1100th birthday. In line with the many festivities and events that will be run to celebrate the anniversary, The South Eastern Amateur Group are currently activating the special event call-sign EI1100WD until the end of the year from various locations. Activity has been on various bands and modes (mainly HF) Many pile up's have been worked by members using the special call. If you wish to get EI1100WD in the log activation details will be posted on [www.searg.com](http://www.searg.com) and also on the SEARG Facebook page.

The September meeting of the South Eastern Amateur Radio Group will take place in

the Roanmore Social and Sports Centre, Cleaboy Road, Waterford on tomorrow night Monday 29th September at 8.30 p.m. This meeting will be preceded by a committee at 8.00 p.m. sharp. New members and anyone interested in learning more about amateur radio are very welcome to attend. For up-to-date news about the South Eastern Amateur Radio Group and it's actives you can check our website [www.searg.com](http://www.searg.com) and you can also follow us on Facebook and Twitter.

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## **DX News**

Stan LZ1GC will be QRV as C21GC from the island of Nauru until 14 October. He is active on all bands 160 – 6m on CW, SSB and RTTY. QSLs go via his home call.

Two German stations will be active from Reunion Island in the coming weeks. Firstly Sven DJ2CW will sign FR/DJ2CW from 30 September – 9 October. Look for him around 14.240 MHz at 19.00z. The other station is Willi DJ7RJ who will sign FR/DJ7RJ from 30 September – 29 October. He will operate all bands 160 – 10m CW and SSB.

Karl DK2WV returns to Malawi from 1 – 21 October where he will reactivate his 7Q7VW callsign. He plans to be active on all bands 160 – 6m.

Georg DK7LX and Phil G3SWH will be active as VP5/G3SWH from 1 – 9 October on Grand Turk Island in the Turks and Caicos Islands. They plan to operate CW only on 80 – 10m. QSL Manager is G3SWH.

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## **West Tyrone ARC Annual Conference**

The Village Inn, Old Mountfield Rd, Killyclogher, Omagh, Co Tyrone, BT79 7LT on Saturday next 4th October 2014

The Village Inn is a comfortable traditional Bar and Restaurant with function rooms located on the first floor. Disabled facilities and comprehensive catering with a special lunch menu. [www.thevillageinnomagh.co.uk](http://www.thevillageinnomagh.co.uk) Guest speakers from around the UK and Ireland will be delivering presentations on various aspects of Amateur Radio. There will also be trade and exhibition facilities and a Bring And Buy.

Further information at [www.wtarc.net](http://www.wtarc.net)

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